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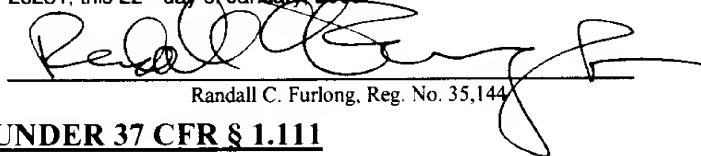
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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2002, please consider the included remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

1. Claims 1-11, 27-32, 34-39, and 41-70 are pending in this application.
2. Claims 1, 2, 5-11, 27-30, 34-37, 41-66, 69 and 70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rutenberg et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,269,975). Claims 1, 3, 4, 27, 31, 32, 34, 38, 39, 66-68 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rutenberg et al. in view of Dino (U.S. Patent No. 5,646,093), Harris (U.S. Patent No. 5,990,052) and Applicants' specification.
3. Applicants note that the Examiner has alleged obviousness of claims 1, 2, 5-11, 27-30, 34-37, 41-66, 69 and 70, in paragraph 3 of the Office Action, without applying the

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